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## REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed in the above-captioned case on January 2, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

## **AMENDMENTS**

Kindly add new claim 12, and amend claims 1-7, and 11 to read as follows.

- 1. (Amended) A method for determining the activity range of a test compound, which modulates the uptake of serotonin by a serotonin reuptake transporter (SERT), against a secondary target, said method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) contacting a first nematode expressing a mutated Caenorhabditis elegans SERT